## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA EASTERN DIVISION No. 4:16-CV-00227-FL

JUDY L. HARRISON,	)		
Plaintiff,	)		
v.	)	ORDER	
NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting Commissioner of Social Security,	) ) )		
Defendant.	) ) )		

Plaintiff's counsel filed a motion for approval of attorney fees under section 206(b) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), in the amount of \$9,274.00. Attorney's fees under section 206(b) are paid from past-due benefits awarded to a successful claimant. 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). Plaintiff has previously been awarded attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, in the amount of \$2,274.00.

Defendant filed a response, stating that under *Gisbrecht v. Barnhart*, 535 U.S. 789 (2002), it is the duty of the Court to determine a reasonable fee.

It is ORDERED that Plaintiff's counsel be awarded fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) in the amount of \$ 9,274.00 , and refund to Plaintiff the smaller award between this amount and the EAJA award.

SO ORDERED, this 1st day of February, 2019.

LOUISE W. FLANAGAN United States District Judge

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